

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 5 are amended. Claims 9-23 are new. Claims 1, 5, and 11 are independent claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

**Drawings**

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has accepted the Formal Drawings filed on November 26, 2003 for examination purposes. It is respectfully submitted that the Formal Drawings comply with the requirement of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If the Official Draftsperson has any objections to the Formal Drawings, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned as soon as possible so that appropriate action may be taken.

**Acknowledgment of Information Disclosure Statement**

The Examiner has acknowledged the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 26, 2003. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 has been received from the Examiner. No further action is necessary at this time.

Claim for Priority

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has recognized the Applicant's claim for foreign priority. In view of the fact that the Applicant's claim for foreign priority has been perfected, no additional action is required from Applicant at this time.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,634,704 to Shikama et al. (hereinafter Shikama). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

As amended, independent claims 1 and 5 now recite that the image display region of the reflection type display device is used to modulate and reflect a light component, which is projected onto a screen. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments more clearly distinguish independent claims 1 and 5 over Shikama.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments are in no way a concession as to the validity of the Examiner's rejection. Rather, these amendments were made to more clearly differentiate the claimed invention over the cited prior art and, thus, expedite prosecution.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 5 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 2-4 and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shikama in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,657,725 to Takahashi (hereinafter Takahashi).

Initially, Applicant respectfully submits that Takahashi is directed to a scanning type projection exposure apparatus, which is used in the lithography step of the manufacturing process for semiconductor devices. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Takahashi is not directed to analogous art because one of ordinary skill in the art of the present invention would not be led to use Takahashi. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the proposed combination of Shikama and Takahashi is improper, according to MPEP § 2141.01(a).

However, even assuming for the sake of argument that Takahashi is directed to analogous art, it is respectfully submitted that Takahashi fails to remedy the deficiencies of Shikama in connection with independent claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4 and 6-

8 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1 and 5. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

#### **New Claims**

It is respectfully submitted that new dependent claims 9 and 10 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on allowable claims, i.e., claims 1 and 5.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of features recited in new independent claim 11 is neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 11 is allowable, and that new claims 12-23 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 11.

#### **Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance in connection with the present application.

Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to

contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned in order to conduct an interview and expedite prosecution of the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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